

SUBCHAPTER G—POSTAGE METERS

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§501.1 Manufacturer authorization.

Any person or concern seeking authorization to manufacture and distribute postage meters must submit a request to the Postal Service in person or in writing. Upon qualification and approval, the applicant is authorized in writing to manufacture meters and to lease them to persons licensed accordingly by the Postal Service. The Postal Service may specify the functional area charged with processing the application and administering its meter program.

§501.2 Manufacturer qualification.

Any concern wanting authorization to manufacture and/or lease postage meters for use by licensees under Domestic Mail Manual P030.1.2 must:

- (a) Satisfy the Postal Service of its integrity and financial responsibility;
- (b) Obtain approval of at least one meter model incorporating all the features and safeguards specified in §501.6;
- (c) Have, or establish, and keep under its supervision and control adequate manufacturing facilities suitable to carry out the provisions of §§501.15 through 501.20 to the satisfaction of the Postal Service (such facilities must be subject to unannounced inspection by representatives of the Postal Service); and
- (d) Have, or establish, and keep adequate facilities for the control, distribution, and maintenance of meters and their replacement when necessary.

§501.3 Changes in ownership or control.

Any person or concern wanting to acquire ownership or control of an authorized postage meter manufacturer must provide the Postal Service with satisfactory evidence of that person's or concern's integrity and financial responsibility.

§501.4 Burden of proof standard.

The burden of proof is on the Postal Service in adjudications of suspension and revocation under §§501.5 and 501.12 and administrative sanctions under §§501.14 and 501.23. Except as otherwise indicated in those sections, the standard of proof shall be the preponderance-of-evidence standard.

§501.5 Suspension and revocation of authorization.

- (a) The Postal Service may suspend and/or revoke authorization to manufacture and/or distribute any or all of a manufacturer's postage meters if the manufacturer engages in any unlawful scheme or enterprise, fails to comply with any provision in this part 501, or fails to implement instructions issued in accordance with any final decision